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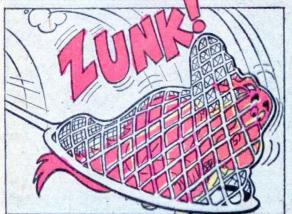
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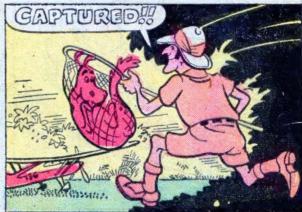
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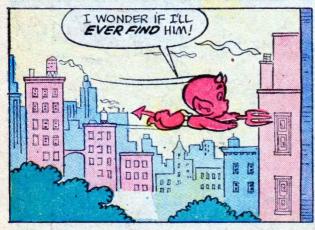


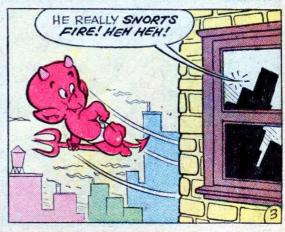




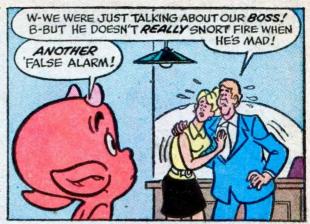










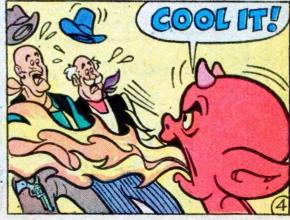


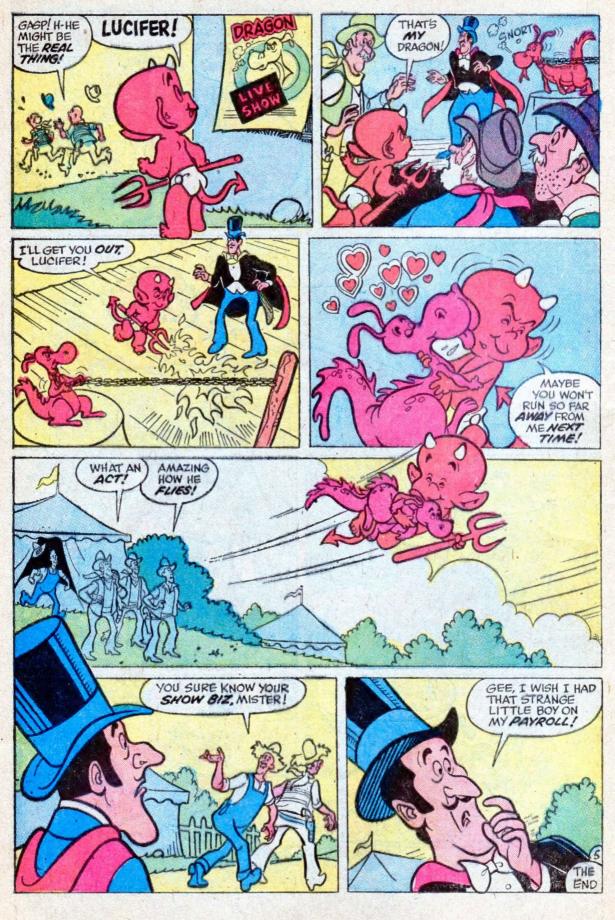
















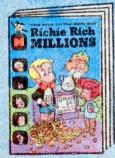
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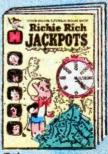




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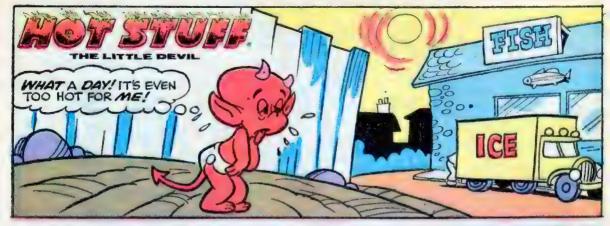
























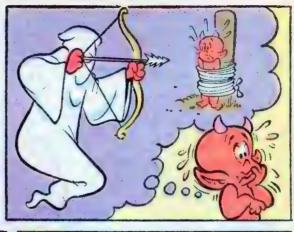














































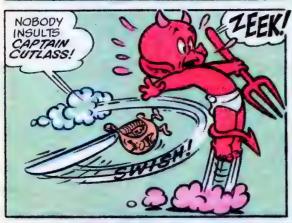


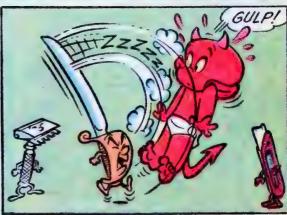


























































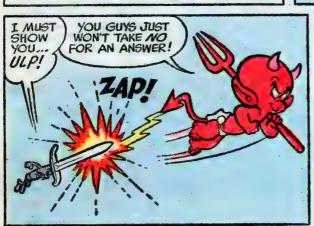


















































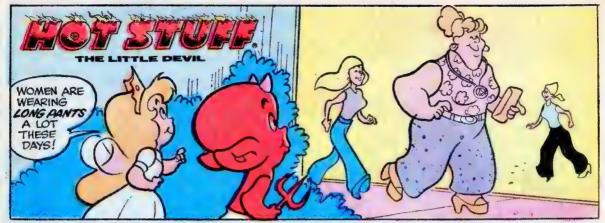


























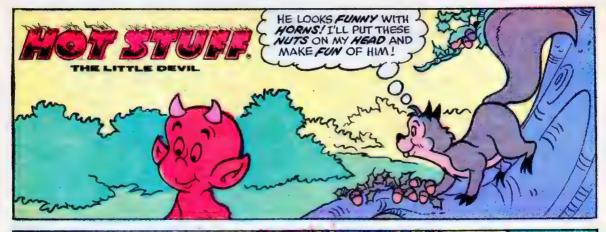












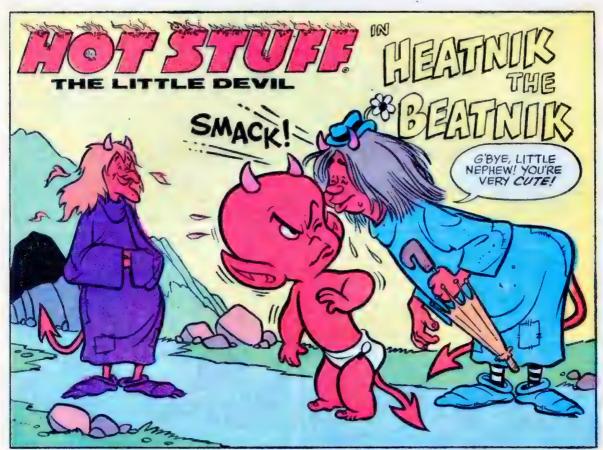










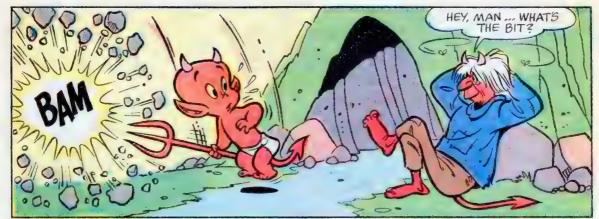






































































STUMBO IN FIRE



Nobody in Tinytown saw the big fire start because it really didn't get burning good until after midnight, when all the folk of that town were long asleep. Even then, the fire itself was several miles from town, in a wood on the other side of the mountains. It was flying firebrands that started the fire in Jeb Jetsam's Lumber-yard.

Loudmouth O'Malley, the town crier, rang his bell and bellowed, "TWELVE O'CLOCK AND ALL'S WELL FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, WHAT'S THAT

RED GLOW?!!"

O'Malley tore down the street, his heavy boots rapping against the cobble-stones in the street and echoing against the silent buildings.

"It's a fire!" he gasped, smelling the smoke even before he saw the blaze. Then, "My gosh, that's Jetsam's lumber-yard!"

Two minutes later the town crier was in the hall of the firehouse, riding up and down as he hung onto the rope that rang the big bell in the fire tower.

Officer O'Floodle, who wore only pajamas, robe and slippers in addition to his officer's helmet to identify him as a policeman, ran to the firehouse door and cried, "Where's the fire, O'Malley?"

"Lumberyard," panted the town crier.

"And with the breeze blowing from that direction, it'll soon be the whole town!"

Within five minutes there were several old pumps pouring water into the lumberyard, but the men couldn't pump fast enough to stop the flames from spreading.

The mayor, still in nightshirt and very excited, hollered above the roar of the fire, "Officer O'Floodle, do something! What do you think Tinytown is paying

you for?"

"Mr. Mayor," replied O'Floodle coldly, "I'm a police officer, not a fireman but I'm doing all I can to help!" And he whispered sadly to His Honor, "But I'm afraid our town is doomed!"

"Oh, no!" sobbed the mayor. "Isn't there somebody who can do something?"

"Stumbo!" shouted O'Floodle. "We can always count on Stumbo to help us!"

Then the people echoed, "Stumbo! Get Stumbo and save Tinytown!"

The mayor roared, "On your way, O'-Floodle! Bring back Stumbo as fast as you can. Even faster!" But even before the mayor spoke O'Floodle was on his bicycle, riding at top speed towards the mountains from which direction came the rumble of the giant Stumbo's snoring.

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"STUMBO!" cried the officer at the top of his voice. "WAKE UP! FIRE! HELP!"

Stumbo was on his feet even before he was fully awake; and being that tall



that he could look down over mountaintops, he saw at once the danger of Tinytown being burned to cinders.

"Gosh, all my friends will go somewhere else to live, and I'll be left all alone in my mountains!"

O'Floodle rode his bike onto the rim of the giant's shoe sole, which was almost as wide as a street, and he was lifted right to the edge of town as Stumbo took one great step.

"Everybody out of the way, please," the giant ordered gently. "I'll take care of this if you'll give me room!"

The Tinytowners rushed out of the way as much from fear of being trampled on as to give him the room he needed.

"Help!" cried a voice from a burning building. "We're trapped in here!"

Stumbo stuck his great forefinger in through the window from which the cry

came, and when he pulled his finger out again, one whole family of sixteen were clinging to it. It was the Jetsams.

"We'll never forget you for this, Stumbo!" wept Jeb Jetsam, the lumberman. But Stumbo wasn't waiting for thanks.

"Everybody go east or west!" he cried. The people obeyed at once. Then, after taking a deep breath, Stumbo blew mightily from south to north!

"He'll blow all the buildings away,"

groaned the mayor.

"No, the buildings are holding!" Jeb Jetsam shouted. "But he has blown out the fires as if they were matches!"

Hardly was the fire out when people began to demand, "Who was responsible for the fire? The scoundrel ought to..."

"Aw, nobody'd do a thing like that on purpose," interrupted Stumbo. "What's most important is to start building the burned down places over again!"

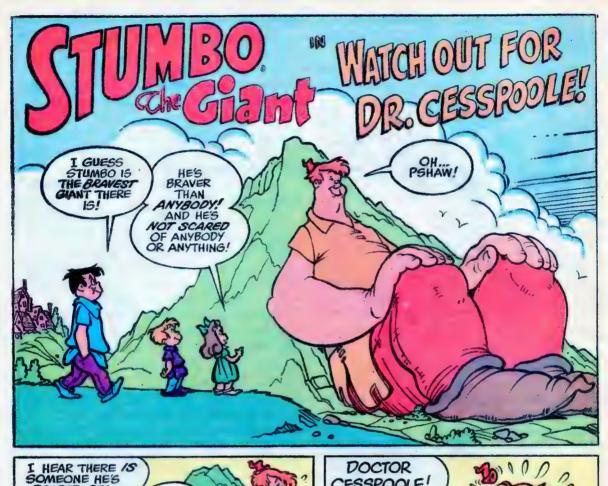
The mayor smiled and said, "He's right. Putting the blame on somebody won't fix the damage. But the first thing we want to do is thank Stumbo for saving our town!" A hundred voices cried their thanks to the giant at once.

Stumbo helped in many ways. He removed entire burned buildings with one scoop of his enormous hands. He pounded the ground with his fist to make foundations for new homes and buildings. But the one he helped most was Jeb Jetsam, bringing hundreds of trees for his lumberyard.

"Stumbo," said Jeb, troubled, "I was responsible for that fire ..."

"I know," said Stumbo softly. "I saw your picnic fire. Now let's forget it!"













































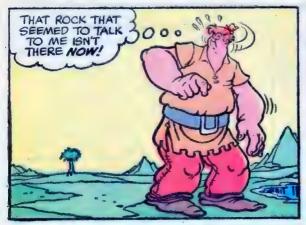










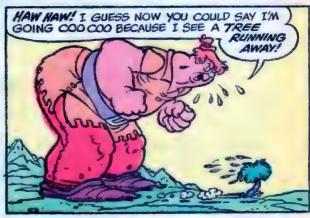
















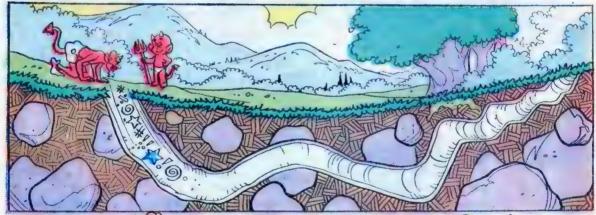
















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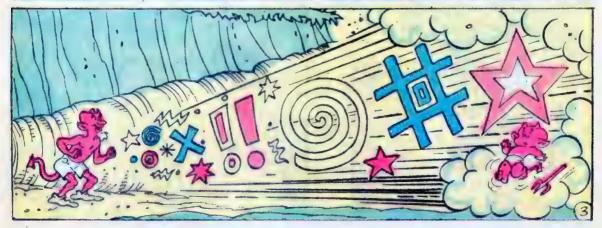
































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